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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINS CASC ET SU
SUBJECT: TENNECO FOUR

Q. ACTION ADDRESSEES PLEASE PASS FOLLOWING TO CANADIAN AMBASSADORS:

2. " TENNECO REPS HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE RELEASE PROCEDURES GOING WELL FOLLOWING TRANSMITTAL OF CODE WORD 'MOUNT EVEREST'. PLEASE DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED BY TEXT OF BRITISH RELAYED MESSAGE WHICH INDICATED PRECONDITION CONCERNING RELEASE OF 74 ELF PRISONERS. TENNECO REPS FEEL IT IS ERROR IN TRANSLATION. FYI, FULL TEXT OF BRITISH RELAYED MESSAGE IS REPEATED BELOW:

3. "WHILE ATTEMPTING (UNSUCCESSFULLY) TO CONTACT THE PRIME MINISTER THIS MORNING, WE WERE CONTACTED BY THE REP OF THE ERITREAN LIBERATION FRONT REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL WHO GAVE US THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO SEND. PLEASE PASS TO AMERICAN EMBASSY. QTE PLEASE INFORM REPS OF TENNECO, MESSRS. WILSON AND BURGHER, THAT THE CONFIDENTIAL

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LIBERATION FRONT REGRET THE DELAY IN HANDING OVER THE

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PRISONERS. THEIR RELEASE HAS NOW BEEN MADE SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS:

1 THAT THE COMPANY COMPLIES WITH THE CONDITIONS IMPOSED BY THE ELF REGARDING ERITREAN SOVEREIGNTY IN THE RESPECT OF ALL AGREEMENTS CONCLUDED BY TENNECO WITH ETHIOPIA.

2. RESPECT THE MEDIATION BY IRAQ ON BEHALF OF THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS FOR THE RELEASE OF THE UN EXPERT DETAINED WITH THE PARTY.

3. RESPECT BY THE ELF OF THE HUMAN ASPECT OF THE QUESTION OF THE PRISONERS.

4. RELEASE OF 74 OF THE POLITICAL PRISONERS, A LIST OF WHOSE NAMES WAS PRESENTED BY THE FRONT AS A CONDITION TO TENNECO.

THE CODE WORD FOR THE RELEASE OF THE PRISONERS IS MOUNT EVEREST. THE ELF WISH THE ABOVE TO BE COMMUNICATED TO THE BBC AND THE FRENCH NEWS AGENCY IN BEIRUT. UNQTE

4. "THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS PRESENTED AS A LETTER, IN ARABIC, BY SALEH AHMED IYAI, HEAD OF THE FOREIGN RELATIONS OFFICE OF THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL, ELF, WHO ALSO ASKED US TO SAY THAT THE PRISONERS WERE BEING RELEASED ON 1 SEPT. BECAUSE THIS IS THE ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION.

5. "THE TRANSLATION HAS NOT BEEN DONE BY AN OFFICIAL TRANSLATOR AND THEREFORE MAY BE SLIGHTLY INEXACT. THE ORIGINAL LETTER WILL BE SENT IN THE NEXT BAG FOR TRANSMISSION TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY BEIRUT."
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